(*b*) The names and addresses of people or firms to which permits were issued till the 1st of Dhanu 1118;

(*c*) the names and addresses of the applicants for such permits to whom permits were refused till the 1st Dhanu 1118?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*: (*a*) No statistics are available here.

(*ii*) (1) 127 permits were issued.

*(2) A list of persons to whom permits were issued is appended *(Appendix I)*.

(3) 27,557 bags or 55,114 Cwts.

*(4) See *(Appendix II)*.

(5) Not known.

(6) No information available.

(*b*) Permits have been issued to Nos. 1 to 20 and 28, 31, 32, 33 of the *Appendix I*.

*(*c*) A list of persons to whom permits were refused is appended *(Appendix III)*.

TRANSPORT OF GRAM—OBSTRUCTION BY THE CHOWGHAT MAGISTRATE

138. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the fact that 50 bags of gram transported to Kunnamkulam from Mattancheri with the transport permit of the Civil Supplies Commissioner by P. V. Uthup, B. A., General Merchant, Kunnamkulam, in Vrischigam was prevented by the Sub-Magistrate, Chowghat;

(*b*) whether this matter has not been brought to the notice of this House, the Government and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies;

(*c*) whether the Commissioner of Civil Supplies promised on the floor of this House that immediate steps will be taken to release this commodity;

(*d*) whether formal petition has not been received from Mr. P. V. Uthup by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies to get release for his commodity which has been prevented by the Sub-Magistrate, Chowghat;

(*e*) whether the Government be pleased to inform whether this consignment of 50 bags of gram has been released and given over to the merchant;

(*f*) if so, when?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Commissioner of Civil Supplies)*:

(*a*) One Pulikkottil Kakku Verghese a merchant at Kunnamkulam was given a permit to transport 25 bags of gram (കടല) from Ernakulam to Kunnamkulam and the consignment was detained by the Sub-Magistrate of Chowghat on its way to Kunnamkulam.

(*b*) This was brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies by one Pulikkottil Varied Uthup and also in this House by one of the Hon'ble Members.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes. The Collector of Malabar has informed the Commissioner of Civil Supplies that the obstruction has been removed.

(*f*) It is not known when the goods were given over to the merchant.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ENGINEER FOR IRRIGATION—APPOINTMENT OF

139. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what occasioned the appointment of a Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation;

(*b*) was that object gained by the appointment of brand new hands;

(*c*) will they be pleased to consider the scheme, *viz.*, a senior Assistant Engineer to be in charge of the Eastern Division and Chittur Irrigation with a senior Overseer under him for Irrigation work alone, the Assistant Engineer's head-quarters being Chittur?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*:

(*a*) The Special Assistant Engineer for Irrigation was appointed to look after the water distribution of the Chittur Irrigation systems and for the investigation of irrigation schemes in the State.

* See appendix.

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(*b*) Only persons with the requisite qualification and experience in the P. W. D. are appointed to the post and their work so far has been satisfactory.

(*c*) This was the arrangement prior to the creation of a separate Irrigation Division. As it was not satisfactory, the Government do not consider it necessary to revert to it.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* What was the nature of the experience that they have after passing out of the College and sitting awhile in the Engineer's Office?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Of Course. He has very good experience. He has been serving in the P. W. D. for, I think, 8 to 10 years and he has been working up some schemes connected with Hydraulics and irrigation. He was also working as Boiler Inspector for some time. He has the necessary qualifications and experience.

ARTICLES STOLEN FROM THE WHARF—NUMBER OF THEFT CASES REGISTERED IN ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

140. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of theft cases registered in the Mattancheri and Ernakulam Town Police Stations connected with certain articles stolen from the wharf of Port Office or other godowns on the Willingdon Island in 1942 till 1st October 1942;

(*b*) the names of the accused in each case;

(*c*) whether house searches were conducted in certain cases and articles were recovered;

(*d*) names of the owners of houses searched;

(*e*) whether first class offences were registered in any of these cases;

(*f*) if so, the accused in each of these cases;

(*g*) the total amount of money involved in each of the cases registered above in (*a*);

(*h*) whether some of the 1st class cases have been converted into 2nd class;

(*i*) if so, what are those cases;

(*j*) the names of the Police Sub-Inspectors who detected such cases;

(*k*) how many such cases were (1) convicted before the end of September (2) acquitted and (3) pending in Courts and the names of Courts?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Five cases.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—Three cases under Crime No. 164/17.

(*b*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17, Ariattuparambil Cheekku. son of Kakku of Palluruthi South. (2) Crime No. 106/17, F. F. Morris of British Cochin. (3) Crime No. 139/17 no accused since the case was reported as undetectable. (4) Crime No. 14/18, Thaliyathil Kelan Velayudhan of Vennala, Travancore. (5) Crime No. 30/18, C. C. Ranganayakulu of Madras.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—(1) V. Sankarankutty Menon. (2) P. Gouthaman. (3) J. Ekambara Mudaliar.

(*c*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—No houses were searched.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—'Sub-Judice'.

(*d*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*c*).

(*e*) No.

(*f*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*e*).

(*g*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—Crime No. 105/17, A cotton veil worth Rs. 8. (2) Crime No. 106/17, A whisky bottle worth Rs. 18-3-0. (3) Crime No. 139/17, Apricots worth Rs. 20. (4) Crime No. 14/18, Copper blister worth Rs. 3. (5) Crime No. 30/18, Two pieces of bar soap worth annas 6.

Ernakulam Town Police Station—Articles worth Rs. 300.

(*h*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*e*).

(*i*) Do.

(*j*) **Mattancheri Town Police Station**—(1) C. S. P. No. 22, (2) C. S. P. No. 5, (3) Embarkation Commandant, (4) C. S. P. No. 16 and (5) The Ordnance Officer, Willingdon Island.

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